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SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST STORY ON POSSIBLE PAK-AFGHAN WAR

1. LEWIS SIMONS' ARTICLE ON PAGE 1 SEPTEMBER 24 WASHINGTON POST STATING THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH TOLD HIM "A FULL SCALE WAR" COULD BREAK OUT BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN IN LESS THAN AMONTH APPEARS TO BE A DISTORTED, INACCURATE, SENSATIONALIZED REPORT OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH ABDULLAH, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH, AS PUBLISHED BY GOA HERE, WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. IN FACT, ABDULLAH TOLD SIMONS THAT AFGHANISTAN "WANTS PEACE AND TALKS" ABDULLAH ALSO DENIED THAT AFGHANS HAVE CONCENTRATED FORCES ON THE BORDER OR HAS ESTABLISHED GUERILLA TRAINING CENTERS.

2. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE AFGHANS ARE PREPARCCG TO INITIATE HOSTILITIES. IN FACT, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DAOUD KNOWS FULL WELL THAT HIS ARMED FORCES WOULD BE QUICKLY CLOBBERED IN A WAR WITH PAKISTAN. THE LATEST VIEWS OF THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP ON PAK-AFGHAN DIFFICULTIES ARE CONTAINED IN KABUL 6077.

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